MOVEMENT OF ENGLISH JOINT-STOCK BANK DEPOSITS, ETC., SINCE 1886.

December 31st,	No. of Banks,	Number of Branches	Capital Paid up.	Deposit and Current Accounts,	Total Liabilities,
1885	109	1547	£38,460,000	£99,195,000	£376,800,000
1891	106	2245	43,406,0	391,842,0	486,632,0
1896	94	3,051	45,203,0	495,233,0	599,558,00
1901	74	3,935	46,631,0	584,841,0	698,150,0
1906	55	4,840	48,122,0	647,889,0	782,353,0
1911	44	5,417	47,265,0	748,641,0	885,069,0
1916	35	5,993	48,237,000	1,154,877,000	1,316,220,000

This table is taken from the annual banking numbers of the *Economist.* It will be noticed that in 1886 there were in England 109 joint-stock banks with 1547 offices, whose accounts were tabulated in the *Economist's* annual review. Their total paid-up capital was 38! millions, their deposit and current accounts were just tinder 300 millions, and their total liabilities were 377 millions. In the course of thirty years the 109 banks had shrunk by the process of amalgamation and absorption to thirty-five, that is to say, they had been divided by three ; the number of their offices, however, had been multiplied by nearly four, while their deposit accounts had grown from 300 millions to 1155, and their total liabilities from 377 to 1316 millions. By the amalgamations announced at the end of 1917, and that of the County of Westminster with Parr's announced on February ist, the number of joint stock banks will be reduced to 32. The picture would be still more striking if the figures of the